(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) to (h) Do not arise

Growth in Exports

47. SHRI SANATAN BIST: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any growth in exports so far during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, what is the percentage of this growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) and (b) India's exports during April-Sept, 1995, the latest period for which trade data are available, are estimated at $ 14685 million signifying a satisfactory growth of 26.37% over the exports of $11621 million during the corresponding period last year.

48. *[Cancelled.]*

Grains damaged in Punjab and Haryana

49. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in 'The Pioneer' dated the 13th September, 1995, under the caption 4m". tonnes of grains may go down the drain in North";

(b) if so, the estimated quantity of grains damaged in Punjab and Haryana during the last monsoon period due to their being kept in the open; and

(c) the measures adopted to create additional warehousing capacity for storing the procured grains and the gap still remained between the storage capacity and the quantum of procured grains?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The news item appeared in "The Pioneer" dated the 13th September, 1995 under the caption 4 m tonnes of grains may go down the drain in North is not correct as only two million tonnes of foodgains have been lying in open in FCI Punjab and Haryana; out of which a very small quantity has been affected by rains during 1995.

(b) The estimated quantity of foodgrains affected, salvaged and recovered as damaged in FCI Punjab and Haryana during the last monsoon period due to their being kept in open is as follows.

(Figs, in MTs.)

State	Quantity of foodgrains affected	Quantity salvaged	Quantity recovered as damaged
1	2	3	4
Punjab	124005	56328	2046
Haryana	18357	237	60